GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1725 ANSWERED ON:05.03.2015 ROAD TRANSPORT SYSTEM Verma Shri Rajesh

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to allocate more funds to State Governments to revamp the road transport system in the country;
- (b) if so, the amount of funds likely to be allocated to Uttar Pradesh to revamp its road transport system; and
- (c) other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON.RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (c) No, Madam. However, In order to check the alarming increase of private vehicles, the measures to encourage a shift from private (two-wheelers and cars) mode of transport to public transport has to be a joint endeavour of the Central, State and local Governments. For popularizing the public transport, the Central Government is emphasizing on providing quick, comfortable, reliable, safe, affordable and quality public transport as envisaged in the National Urban Transport Policy, 2006. Accordingly, the Central Government is supporting various public transport projects such as Metro Rail, Bus Rapid Transport System and modern city bus services as per urban bus specifications in various cities.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is also implementing a scheme with effect from 15.03.2010 for providing one time central assistance to the extent of 50% of the project cost for implementation of information technology projects to States / State Road Transport Undertakings (SRTUs) in their public transport systems. A project of total cost Rs. 38.250 crore of Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation has been approved with with Central Assistance of Rs.19.125 crore in the financial year 2011-2012.